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## BEGIN, SHAMIR SAY ISRAEL'S INTERNATIONAL STANDING IMPROVING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir briefed the Cabinet today on their recent trips abroad — Begin's to the U.S. and Shamir's to West Germany. Each claimed that Israel's international standing is improving. But there was an air of watchful waiting in the Cabinet to see what develops when the Republican Administration takes office in Washington and begins to delve into foreign policy matters.

Begin said he had received the impression that the Reagan Administration, like that of President Carter, would continue to support Middle East negotiations on the basis of the Camp David accords.

The Premier, who met with Carter, but not with President-elect Reagan, said Carter shared his view that there was no alternative to the Camp David process inasmuch as it is based on a binding international convention.

### No Mideast Summit Till After Jan. 20

He said it was not clear whether Carter intended to take any further measures in the Middle East before his term expires in January but it appeared certain that there will be no Mideast summit meeting until after Reagan is inaugurated Jan. 20.

Begin repeated that he did not ask for a meeting with the President-elect and no pressure was brought to bear for such a meeting while he was in the U.S. He insisted that he was not offended by the fact that Reagan did find time "for a courtesy meeting" with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Washington last week although a week earlier, when asked if he would meet with Begin, the President-elect said it would be unseemly for him to meet with any foreign head of government before his inauguration.

### Schmidt Denies He Is Hostile Toward Israel

Shamir reported that he was told by Schmidt during his visit to Bonn last week that it was Germany's impression that Reagan's election worked in Israel's favor. Schmidt also reportedly told Shamir that Israel's international standing has improved as a result of the Iraqi-Iranian war. The West German leader complained of the bad press he has gotten in Israel, Shamir said.

He said Schmidt denied allegations that he was hostile toward Israel and gave assurances of West Germany's friendship. He admitted that his country voted for anti-Israel resolutions in international forums on a number of occasions but said it did so under pressure from other member states of the European Economic Community (EEC), Shamir said.

He reported a promise by Schmidt that West Germany would act against the Palestine Liberation Organization if it were proven that the PLO was involved in recent anti-Semitic incidents in Europe.

The Cabinet discussed rumors that Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron, would

soon be replaced for failure to sufficiently cultivate the Republican camp in the recent American election campaign. Begin, who has expressed full confidence in Evron, said the rumors were false. Interior Minister Yosef Burg observed that talk about Evron's possible removal hurt his status in Washington.

## GERMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER EXPRESSES CRITICISM OF THE POPE

By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 23 (JTA) — The chairman of the West German Jewish community, Werner Nachmann, has criticized Pope John Paul II for not giving enough support to the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

In an interview published in "Die Welt," a few days after he led a delegation of 30 prominent West German Jews in a meeting with the Pope in Mainz, Nachmann also regretted that the Vatican has failed to officially recognize the State of Israel or to send a top-ranking envoy to Jerusalem.

Asked about the Pope's remarks to the Jewish delegation that there was a need for all people to be reconciled in Jerusalem, Nachmann said: "I hope that what the Pope meant was that Jerusalem with its holy places is today accessible to all religions. I hope that the Pope meant he wishes peace will come and prays for it, that the present situation will be kept untouched."

In its meeting with the Pope, the Jewish delegation had asked the Pontiff to support the present situation in Jerusalem, noting that never in its history was access to the holy places by people of all faiths more free than it is now. During the meeting, the Pope refrained from mentioning Israel.

## SCHINDLER SAYS THERE IS A LINK BETWEEN RIGHTWING CHRISTIANS AND INCREASE OF ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23 (JTA) — A leader of American Reform Judaism charged here that there is a link between rightwing fundamentalist Christian groups and the proliferation of anti-Semitic acts in the United States. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), also denounced certain Jewish groups that were "eager to make accommodation to the Christian right and grab whatever short-term gains there may be at the expense of integrity and self-respect."

Schindler, speaking at a Sabbath service at Temple Emanuel attended by members of the UAHC board of trustees here for their semi-annual meeting, referred in that connection specifically to the Jabotinsky Centennial Dinner Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"When the Jabotinsky Foundation presents its award to Jerry Falwell (leader of the Moral Majority) for his support of Israel and the Anti-Defamation League offers its platform to Pat Robertson of the Christian Broadcasting Network to speak about Jerusalem, it is madness — and suicide," Schindler said. He urged American Jews, instead, to reach out to moderate Christians and Black groups to form "coalitions of decency against the chilling power of the radical right."

According to Schindler, it was "no coincidence that the rise of rightwing Christian fundamentalism has been accompanied by the most serious outbreak

of anti-Semitism in America since the end of World War II."

He observed that "When the head of the 'Moral Majority' demands a 'Christian Bill of Rights,' when the president of the Southern Baptist Convention (Rev. Bailey Smith) tells the Religious Roundtable that 'God Almighty does' not hear the prayer of a Jew," there should be no surprise at reports of synagogues destroyed by arson and Jewish families terrorized in their homes."

#### Preachments Have Inevitable Effect

Schindler added: "I do not accuse Jerry Falwell and Bailey Smith of deliberately inciting anti-Semitism. But I do say that their preachments have an inevitable effect. Jerry Falwell tells us that only one brand of politics is acceptable to God. Bailey Smith tells us that only one brand of believers is acceptable to God. It is no wonder that those who hold different political views should be branded as 'Satan' and that those who hold different religious beliefs should become the victims of vandals who respond by attacking synagogues and stoning Jews."

Falwell was one of 100 prominent Americans presented with the Jabotinsky Award by Premier Menachem Begin of Israel at the Jabotinsky Centennial Dinner in New York Nov. 11. He was cited for his support and friendship toward Israel, a tenet of the Moral Majority. The award to Falwell was criticized by Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), one of the awardees, who refused to accept his award, and by Sen. Carl Levin (D. Mich.).

Schindler asked: "Can someone be good for Israel who spells disaster for America and the security of American Jewry? Are Jews so lacking in self-respect and understanding of their deepest self-interest that they will embrace forces that are anathema to every value in the Jewish ethical system?"

He added, "I do not suggest that Jews should stand alone against the Christian right, polarizing the struggle into a religious war. Rather, I urge that we seek allies among our Christian neighbors."

#### Chilling Power Of The New Right

Schindler warned that "in our search for allies in building coalitions of decency against the chilling power of the radical right, the Jewish community cannot seek 100 percent ideological purity." He explained, "We will disagree on the Middle East with the National Council of Churches, which (on Nov. 7) issued an unconscionable statement supporting the PLO, but we must work with them on free choice on abortion, on gun control, strategic arms limitation and a host of significant issues."

"We will disagree with the Roman Catholic Bishops on abortion and birth control, but we will give voice to a common concern on aid to refugees, world hunger and racial justice. We will disagree with Blacks on racial quotas, but we will continue to share a vision of a compassionate society and work together in support of national health insurance, youth employment, decent housing and similar programs."

Schindler conceded that Jewish attitudes toward new right leaders were complicated by the support many Christian evangelicals give to Israel. "We who love Israel seek allies among all Americans," he said. "But we cannot be

blind to the fact that the deepest reasons for backing given to Israel by evangelical fundamentalists are theologically self-serving."

"They believe Jesus cannot return for the second coming until the Jews are regrouped in their biblical homeland and then converted to Christianity. They believe further that even devout Jews are not welcome in heaven. So let us welcome all those committed to Israel's security and survival. But let us not deceive ourselves as to the reasons for that support."

#### BAILEY SMITH OFFERS TO MEET WITH ADL OFFICIAL TO GET UNDERSTANDING 'WITH YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE'

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- The Rev. Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who caused an uproar with his remark that God does not hear the prayers of Jews, has asked for a meeting with Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in order to achieve "better understanding with you and your people."

In a letter to Perlmutter, Smith said "I deeply regret any hurt that may have come by remarks credited to me. You and I both know that situations are not always what they appear to be when more information is revealed." He suggested that "we meet in Dallas with your people" on one of several alternate days in December.

Perlmutter, in response, welcomed the suggested meeting, adding: "I am confident that no matter our differences and no matter your past statements and our response to them, the amplitude of reason in the Judeo-Christian heritage will guide us to understanding.... Also, I'd be pleased to explore the availability of associates in order to broaden the impact of our discussions -- if you felt that a modestly broadened interchange would be useful." Perlmutter offered to meet Smith in New York, Washington or Chicago.

#### WORLD BRAILOVSKY COMMITTEE FORMED

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- An International Committee for the Release of Dr. Victor Brailovsky has been formed, following the arrest Nov. 13 in Moscow of the 45-year-old cyberneticist for "anti-Soviet slander." Brailovsky was the editor of the underground journal, "Jews in the Soviet Union." He has been one of the major spokesmen for the Jewish emigration and cultural movements in the Soviet Union since he and his wife, Irina, were denied permission to emigrate to Israel in 1972. The charge against him is punishable by three years in prison.

According to Lynn Singer, the International Committee's director, the organization comprises scientists, authors and journalists. Honorary co-chairmen are the former editors of "Jews in the Soviet Union" who are now in Israel. They are Prof. Alexander Luntz and Rafail Nudelmann. American groups cooperating with the Committee are the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Meanwhile, Dr. Arno Penzias, the 1978 Nobel laureate in physics, and New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams have joined a group of prominent American scientists, academicians and human rights activists to protest the arrest of Brailovsky. The group released the text of a telegram to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, urging him to intervene personally in the case and obtain Brailovsky's release.

The telegram, which also noted that Brailovsky's arrest had taken place during the week when delegates from North America, Europe and the Soviet Union were meeting in Madrid to discuss the Helsinki Accords, was released here at a news conference by Dr. Seymour Lochman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, which cosponsored the event.

with the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in cooperation with the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

**WEIZMAN SEEKING NEW POLITICAL BASE TO FORM NEW MOVEMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO LIKUD; LABOR PARTY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DAYAN LEAD MOVEMENT**  
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA) — Former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who voted against the Likud-led government on a motion of no-confidence in the Knesset last Wednesday, is actively seeking a new political base. Although his formal ouster from Likud's Herut faction awaited his appearance before its Secretariat today, Weizman announced on a television interview last Friday that he is planning to establish a new movement as an alternative to Likud.

He insisted that it would not be a coalition of loosely tied dissenters such as those who formed Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change which proceeded to disintegrate after an impressive electoral showing in 1977. It would be, he said, a real alternative to the Labor Party and Likud, and, if Weizman has his way, it will be headed by former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

According to Weizman, Dayan is the political figure best fitted to be Israel's next Prime Minister. He is a man of outstanding personal achievements and great vision, better accepted in the world at large and in the Arab world in particular than any other Israeli, Weizman said.

**Bombshell Leads To Speculation**

Weizman's bombshell — his apparent writing off of any future for himself in Likud and his selection of Dayan rather than himself to lead Israel out of its many difficulties — touched off an orgy of speculation in political quarters here. Only the evening before, Weizman dined with Dayan and they apparently discussed the political situation.

They have in common the fact that both served in Premier Menachem Begin's coalition Cabinet and both quit — at different times — largely because of dissatisfaction with Begin's domestic and foreign policies. Both voted against the government last Wednesday.

But Dayan said after he left the Cabinet in October, 1979 that he would serve out his term as an independent MK and not seek reelection. He reiterated in an interview yesterday that he is not presently planning to join a party or to take part in political activity in the future. "Today, I have no intention to run for the Knesset" in the next elections, Dayan said, but "there might be another situation tomorrow."

Many observers believe that without a man of Dayan's stature and prestige to lead it, a new political movement would get nowhere. Weizman would not say during his interview who else he had in mind to make up the new party. "There are those who are interested and those who are not," he said.

He observed that his people need not come from the existing political spectrum. "There are others who wish to see better government, for the good of the people and the State," he said. "A new party is not an end but the means to lead the country to a better way."

Some news media speculated that former Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir might join a Weizman group. Others suggested Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz who has been reported on the

verge of resigning from the Begin government. But most commentators observed that whatever the composition of the new party, there can be none without an ideological consensus to bind it. Lack of ideological steadfastness is believed to have been the cause of the DMC's rapid demise.

**Outspokenly Critical Of Likud, Begin**

If Weizman has not indicated the ideological complexion of his proposed movement he has been outspoken in faulting Likud and particularly, Begin. "This government has failed to turn the peace process — the most magnificent event in recent history — into a major lever to alleviate the Jewish nation and Israel in the economic and social spheres," he charged.

"Instead," Weizman claimed, "this government regards peace as almost a tragedy. The Finance Minister has presented the peace as a negative factor in our economy. Peace, if properly handled, should have brought more Jews here and more investors. Defining peace as a source of our economic hardships is misleading. It brings a feeling of no-confidence and no-confidence brought Labor's downfall and will bring Likud's downfall," he said.

With respect to Begin, Weizman said, "I am in good relations with 118 members of the Knesset. I am the 119th. The one missing is Begin. I am sorry for that. If Begin heads the Likud in the next elections it would be a mistake. I am not going with him."

Weizman said, "I am for advancing elections. We were not elected to return the entire Sinai. We were not elected to bring 130 percent inflation. Let's go to the nation and see where we stand." He also supported autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "We have signed an accord by which the situation there will be changed. My concept of autonomy is simple; everything except an army and foreign policy. Palestinian entity? Yes. Let us do what we have signed at Camp David and after three or five years we shall see what to do next."

**WALLENBERG CASE TO BE DISCUSSED AT HELSINKI ACCORDS PARLEY IN MADRID**

LONDON, Nov. 23 (JTA) — The case of missing Swedish war hero Raoul Wallenberg will be raised for the second time in open sessions of the European Conference on Cooperation and Security at Madrid this week.

It has already been referred to briefly at the conference by Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten. In a brief introductory speech, Ullsten named Wallenberg, together with Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov, as examples of men whose loss of human rights aroused "compassion and active involvement." He also spoke of "all the unnamed victims of oppression" and deplored the denial of Soviet Jewry's right to practice its religion or to emigrate to the land of its choice.

The Wallenberg case was also discussed last week in closed sessions and will again be raised publicly by Sweden this week. The United States and other Western delegations are also expected to voice concern about Wallenberg, the diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews in wartime Budapest and who was subsequently arrested by the Russians.

Wallenberg's half-sister, Mrs. Nina Logergren, will fly this week to Madrid from Stockholm to lobby delegations to raise the issue with the Soviet Union. In the past 18 months, Mrs. Logergren has visited Israel, Britain and the United States in her efforts to publicize her campaign for her long lost brother. In Madrid, Prof. Guy von Dardel, Wallenberg's half-brother, said he was "convinced" Wallenberg was still alive in the Soviet Union, despite Moscow's claim that he died there 33 years ago. (By Maurice Samuelson)

## SPECIAL BACKGROUND REPORT THE NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT

By Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

(First Part Of A Three-Part Series)

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- The current emergence of "the New Right Evangelicals" or "the New Christian Right" has elicited widespread interest and concern among millions of American citizens, among them, a great many Jews.

No responsible and fair-minded American questions the right of fellow Americans of Evangelical Christian or any other religious or moral persuasion to participate fully as citizens in the political process nor to advocate the adoption of public policy positions which reflect their ideological bent. Indeed, maximum participation by our fellow Americans in the democratic process can only be encouraged and welcomed.

During the past 15 months, however, there have been a number of actions and statements by spokesmen of this newly-forged alliance of several Evangelical Christian leaders and ultra-conservative political organizers which have become deeply troubling to many of us, and which require, we believe, careful analytical scrutiny by political leaders, both major political parties, and by the American people. These concerns center around the following major issues:

1) A number of major spokesmen of "the new Christian Right" assert that their primary purpose in the recent national elections, and through related political activity on the local levels, was "to Christianize America," and to establish "a Christian republic."

### A Dangerous Myth For Democracy

That is a myth and it is an ideologically dangerous myth for American democracy which must not go uncontested. The only period in American history during which anything resembling a so-called "Christian Republic" existed was the establishment of the Massachusetts Bay Colony after 1629. That colony was a Puritan theocracy which combined ecclesiastical and civil government.

As every major church historian acknowledges, the Puritan oligarchy sought religious toleration for themselves but did not believe in religious toleration for others, and that "Christian Republic" collapsed after about 50 years when dissenters such as Roger Williams fled persecution in order to find freedom of conscience in Providence, Rhode Island.

What is historically true is that Baptist farmer-preachers, Methodist circuit-riders, and dissenting Presbyterians became the foremost champions of freedom of conscience, religious liberty, and the principle of the separation of church and state. They suffered persecution, imprisonment, and ruthless harassment at the hands of the Anglican Establishment in Virginia and elsewhere to uphold those fundamental democratic principles not only for themselves but for all Americans.

It is both ironic and sad that some of the spiritual heirs of those Evangelical Christians in Virginia today and elsewhere have chosen either to forget or to ignore that historic achievement of American democratic pluralism.

2) A number of "New Christian Right" spokesmen regularly speak of the "Golden Era" of "Evangelical Christian America" when our forebears were supposedly deeply religious and

highly moral people, and by contrast, we today are convicted of religious and moral inadequacy.

### Evoking Doubt And Self-Guilt

That is also a myth, and its repetition tends to immobilize us in unnecessary guilt and self-doubt, rather than energize us to face the truth about our past and our moral responsibilities in the complex, real world today.

As every major church historian documents, the great majority of Americans in the 18th Century were outside any church, and there was an overwhelming indifference to religion. Dr. William Warren Sweet wrote ("Revivalism in America") that "taking the colonies as a whole, the ratio of church membership was one to 12." Dr. Robert Handy states, "No more than ten percent of Americans in 1800 were members of churches" ("A History of the Churches in the United States and Canada").

As a result of the vast labor and the rough, uncouth hardships encountered by the pioneers, frontier communities became coarse and partially wild societies, with little or no social restraints, and filled with low vices and brutal pleasures. The West was described as "the land of sinful liberty" with large sections of the frontier society debauched and whiskey-sodden. The violence and anarchy resulted in a breakdown of respect for emerging civic authority.

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### REASON FOR NOT BOMBING AUSCHWITZ

BONN, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- A new West German book blames indifference among responsible Americans to the fate of the Jews as the reason Auschwitz was not bombed by the Allies during World War II.

The book, "Why Auschwitz Was Not Shelled?," is by Heiner Lichtenstein, a 48-year-old news editor of a Cologne radio station. Lichtenstein, who has followed dozens of Nazi trials in Germany for the past 20 years, is also the author of "Maidanek -- An Account of a Trial." Lichtenstein stresses that the Germans are alone guilty of the Holocaust. But he documents how the Allies missed a chance to save thousands of inmates in the infamous death camp.

### REPORT KAHANE'S RELEASE DUE DEC. 12

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane's lawyer, Rahamim Cohen, said here that the Israeli military authorities have reduced Kahane's nine-month prison sentence and that he will be freed Dec. 12. The decision caused the founder of the Jewish Defense League in the United States and the leader of Koch in Israel to end a 15-day hunger strike protesting his imprisonment, Cohen reported.

He also said that the release was unconditional and that Kahane did not promise to refrain from activities that prompted his arrest and imprisonment on two concurrent charges of allegedly disturbing the peace on the West Bank and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

MONTREAL (JTA) -- The Canadian Bar Association has passed a resolution to study "any legal impediments which may exist to the bringing to justice of Nazi war criminals who may be found in Canada with a view to proposing to the government appropriate means of removing any such impediments." The resolution, passed by the Association's constitutional and international law sections, is the first of its kind. Irwin Cotler, Canadian Jewish Congress president, termed the resolution "a most encouraging development" and said he plans to meet with Canadian Solicitor General, Robert Kaplan, to review the matter.